

## BRIDGE IS WRECKED.

Piling Swept Down the River This Morning -- The Top Sags and Is Expected to Collapse any Moment-- Tons of Ice Backed Up, Held by the Structure and the Strain Is Enormous-- Break Is Near Where It Occurred Last Year.

Neglect of the Freeholders, After the Costly Experience of Last Winter, Blamed for the Disaster Which Again Visits the Structure-- Ice Backed Up Above the Bridge as Far as the Eye Can Reach While Below is Comparatively Clear.

The new county bridge over the Raritan river is again a wreck. The climax came this morning when, under the strain of tons and tons of ice, the structure gave way, pilings broke off and were pulled up, being swept down the stream. The top of the bridge, while it had not been carried away this morning, was without support and sagged considerably leaning three or four feet out of line with the rest of the bridge and it is momentarily expected to collapse. The bridge is now rendered useless.

The mild weather yesterday broke up the ice on the river and all last night it continued to back up against the new bridge. The huge cakes battered at the pilings all night, one getting beneath the other until it was many feet thick. It seemed that nothing could resist the pressure and this morning the crisis came. It is believed the damage will eventually exceed that of last year.

People have assembled along the river front to view the destruction. It means that there will probably be no county bridge to cross the river this summer.

This is the second time the new Raritan river bridge has shown that it is not able to withstand the heavy ice floes, and about twenty-five feet of the framework has succumbed to the pressure. The top part of the bridge was not carried away with the piling, but sagged about three feet below the proper level of the flooring. The bridge is washed away near the same point as last winter.

The piling has for some time shown signs of weakening, and up to yesterday, eighteen of the bents, at the side of the piling, had been broken by the force of the heavy ice pack from above the bridge.

The point where the piling is a short distance south of the draw, where the ice is forced against the structure with heaviest impact. The ice is piled thick from shore to shore, above the bridge, and it is expected that more of the piling were swept away.

The ice is piled in some places to a height of five or six feet, and, from

the shore, presents a fascinating sight, extending, as it does, as far as the eye can reach.

The force of six workmen, of the New Jersey Bridge company, the builders of the three hundred-foot draw, are still at work, although there is little to do, except completing several details as to painting and clearing the draw and putting every part of the heavy foundation in perfect repair.

The river, below the new bridge, is comparatively free of the ice floes, and it is certain, that, were the new bridge not there, nearly all of the ice would be down the river and out to sea, instead of being piled and packed as it is.

The bridge was carried away for a space of seventy-five feet on the third of March last.

A tugboat, this morning, pushed its way up through the draw, and for a distance of about 150 feet above, when her engines were reversed and she backed down, from danger of becoming fast in the ice pack.

SAW RHODES  
AT PRISON.

Local Man Told that It Might be Possible to Get Him Pardoned.

A few weeks ago a young man well known along shore, in this city, went to Trenton to see John Rhodes, who is serving a term for the killing of Robert Hartmann. Rhodes is in the best of health and is much stouter than when he was sentenced. He is a boss in charge of a large gang of painters at the prison and it is said that he is one of the best prisoners, giving the keepers no trouble at all.

Along shore the rumor was spread the other day that if \$200 could be raised a certain lawyer at the county seat would take up the case of trying to get a pardon for Rhodes, and he claims that it can be done. Rhodes has about two years more to serve.

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MULLIN'S  
Up-to-Date Dairy

Heavy Whipping Cream Fresh Every Day  
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ARCH MASONS  
INSTALLED.

Ceremony Took Place Last Night in Masonic Lodge Room.

Last night at the meeting of Chapter No. 41, Royal Arch Masons, the following officers were installed: M. E. H. P., J. P. Salter; E. K., Conrad J. Hall; E. S., Harry Conard; treasurer, Harry Barnes; secretary, C. E. Seaman; C. of H., D. P. Olmstead; P. S., F. P. Esterbrook; R. A. C., Eugene Cross; M. 1st V., William Gray; M. 2nd V., Garret Evans; M. 3d V., Thomas Dover.

The installing officers were D. C. Adams, G. K., and W. H. Sebring, P. G. H. P., of Plainfield. After the installation the second degree was worked on a few members.

COPP WAS COPPED BY A COP.

John Copp ran into a cop while drunk, and the cop, Patrolman J. W. Mesbrow, arrested Copp. The Copp who had been copped by a cop will stop with Sheriff Carman for the next thirty days.

ALL CASES ADJOURNED.

All the cases were adjourned at this morning's session of the district court.

SWITZERS DID NOT APPEAR;  
THEIR CASE NON-SUITED.

Macan and Pierson Were Ready to Go on With the Trial-- No One to Represent Complainant.

Special to the Evening News.  
New Brunswick, Jan. 19:—The two ejectment cases brought by Mrs. Switzer against John Macan and against Macan and J. H. Pierson were this morning non-suited, because of the non appearance in court of anyone representing the Switzers. E. W. Arrowsmith, of Freehold, and Alan H. Strong represent Mrs. Switzer, but neither was in court at 10 o'clock when the cases were called. Captain James Parker moved for a non-suit in the cases against Macan, and C. T. Cowenhoven, in the case against Pierson and Macan jointly. One suit was against Macan, and one against Macan and Pierson. Both non suits were granted.

## EDWARD CARTER BURIED

Many Friends Attend Funeral of Young Man Killed in the West.

The funeral of Edward Carter took place from the home of his father, Gardner Carter, in East avenue, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It was largely attended for the young fellow was very popular. The funeral was in charge of A. E. Carter as funeral director. Rev. S. Travena Jackson preached the sermon.

OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the High School Athletic Association was held yesterday afternoon. The spring outlook for athletics was discussed, and the following officers were elected: President, Louis Booz; vice-president, Thomas Hanson; recording secretary, Joseph Hornsby; financial secretary, Kenneth Martin; treasurer, Prof. Reed.

## VERGNEGUNG'S BALL.

All is now in order for the masquerade ball of the Vergnegungs Club, which will take place tonight in Bragg Hall.

EXTRA!  
FIRED SHOT AT CZAR.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 19: An attempt was made to assassinate the Czar today. A shot was fired at the Czar as he was returning to the palace, after having officiated at the ceremony of blessing the waters of the Neva. The shot missed the Czar, but wounded one of the policemen forming his body guard. A search of the entire neighborhood was begun for the man who had fired the shot.

## CONFERENCE ABOUT THE P. R. R. STRIKE.

Philadelphia, Jan. 19: Grand Master Morrissey of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen arrived here at 3 o'clock this afternoon to confer with the Pennsylvania railroad officials regarding the threatened general strike.

## INSANE PATIENT KILLS TWO OTHERS.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 19: A patient in the state insane asylum became violent this morning and attacked the other inmates. Before he could be subdued, he had killed two of the patients and injured a nurse.

ELECT ONLY 2  
FREEHOLDERS.

Sayreville and Dunellen to Choose Men to Serve Until January.

Special to the Evening News.  
New Brunswick, Jan. 19:—But two freeholders are elected in Middlesex county this spring out of a total of twenty-four in the board. These two are in the borough of Dunellen and in Sayreville. They will both doubtless be re-elected and will hold office until the first day of January, when the freeholder commission will go into office. The five members of the commission will be elected on election day in November next and after the first of January the present large board will be reduced to one-fifth its size. All the freeholders elected at the last spring election will go out of office on January 1, 1906, although they would serve three months longer if not legislated out of office.

## LUNACY CASES.

Special to the Evening News.  
New Brunswick, Jan. 19:—Four lunacy cases were heard by Judge Strong this morning.

Mrs. Kate McQuirk was made a county charge. Overseer of the Poor L. C. Dalton, of Perth Amboy testified as to the condition of the family, three children being in the almshouse and one in the care of friends.

Miss Mary C. Jolly, of Spotswood, who jumped into the bay at Perth Amboy, several weeks ago, was also made a county charge. Both women are in the Trenton asylum.

## ARRANGING FUNERAL.

Arrangements are being made to hold the funeral of Charles H. Wilbur, who died from hemorrhages resulting from running the end of a rake handle into his eye. The funeral will probably be held on Saturday.

If you are out of work put an ad in the Evening News, it will cost you nothing

NO PASTOR  
WAS CHOSEN.

Presbyterians Held Congregational Meetings but Way was Not Clear to Act.

A meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church was held in the chapel last night, following the weekly prayer meeting. Rev. J. M. McNulty, of Woodbridge, was moderator of the meeting. Adrian Lyon, clerk of the session, read the notice of the meeting. This notice stated that a pastor was to be elected, "if the way be clear." Judge Lyon was made clerk of the meeting. E. W. Barnes, a member of the committee of six appointed to secure a pastor, announced that the way was not yet clear to proceed. No action was taken, and the meeting was adjourned.

## MEETINGS CONTINUE.

The meetings continue at Simpson M. E. church and interest is still manifested. Last night's subject was "Come and Hear," and about every one in the large congregation testified as to what God had done for them. Miss Derby sang very touchingly "Come Sinner Come."

Tonight an interesting meeting has been planned. Miss Smith will preach and appropriate selections will be rendered. Song service begins at 7:30 o'clock.

## BUILDING TRADES BANQUET.

The annual banquet of the Building Trades Association will take place at the Hartmann Hotel tonight. Those in charge have seen to it that every detail for the entertainment of the guests is complete.

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NEW WATER MAIN TO  
BE READY TOMORROW  
SAYS THE ENGINEER

Reported to the Water Commissioners Last Night that Everything Would be in Shape to Turn Water Into The Twenty-four inch Pipe-- T. Clark, the Newly Appointed Commissioner Took His Seat.

GREGORY AT  
GREENPORT.

Has Been There for a Week--Is Making Repairs Preparatory to Make Another Start.

It was learned yesterday from Lewis Nixon's representative that the motor yacht Gregory, which is entered in the race from Toulon to Algiers, this spring, and which is later to race from Havre to New York for M. Charles's \$10,000 cup, is at Greenport, Long Island, where she has been for nearly a week, making repairs after her encounter with the southeast gale, as told in the News yesterday.

When the boat sought a harbor after the storm, she touched at Westport, Conn., for a few hours--not Westport, Mass., as previously reported. From there Captain Loose took her direct to Greenport, Long Island, where there are ample facilities for repairing. It appears that the chief cause for the yacht's return was the leaking of the hatches and skylights, of which the boat has seven. Most of them open on hinges, like those on a torpedo boat, and the inside fastenings were not strong enough to close them tightly. When the seas washed over the little craft in the gale considerable water made its way below, and, rather than risk a more serious accident, Captain Loose decided to return and have them made secure.

One of the yacht's boats was smashed by the seas which broke on board. The crew managed to save the remnant of the boat, and she also is being repaired. It was found that the engines had done their work satisfactorily. The boat will have a trial spin in Gardiner's Bay before sailing for the other side. Captain Loose and his crew speak in the highest terms of the behavior of the Gregory in the gale. They admit that she was knocked about a good bit, but declare she is as safe as an ocean liner, and that they are fully prepared to continue the passage in her to the Mediterranean. She carries 1,500 gallons of gasoline in her forward tank and 2,500 in the after tank. This, it is estimated, is sufficient to carry her 5,000 miles at a speed of seven knots an hour, or 3,000 miles at ten knots an hour.

Several reductions in water rent were granted.

First payments were ordered, as follows: \$160.25 to Chris Diederichson on the Charles street main, and \$288 to Jacob Larsen on the Sherman street main.

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## STRICKEN ON THE STREET.

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## CONCERT TO-NIGHT

All details are now complete for the concert in the high school auditorium, under the auspices of the Alumni Association. A large number of tickets have been sold.

## Little Kumfort Rye

Leads Them All.  
Best Whiskey made for family and medicinal use. Full quart bottle, \$1.00. Bottled by S. SPITZER  
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At the meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners, last night, Engineer Mason reported that the new water main will be finished tomorrow. It may be done by the contractors have but little remaining. As soon as the main is complete, the water will be turned on, and the old and new mains thoroughly tested. When it appears certain that the pipe is in perfect condition, the Eagleswood pumping station can be shut down. The only permanent remedy for the final closing down of the Eagleswood station, however, will be the completion of the new reservoir, for which preliminary plans are out.

Engineer Mason will defer the preparation of final plans until the new main is entirely complete and in working order. One of the commissioners suggested that the approval of the Board of Aldermen of the reservoir scheme be asked for at once, and a bond issue requested for the work, but it will be deferred until "the water is gotten over to this side of the river."

The new twenty-four inch main has been in use from Runyon to a point but about a fourth of a mile from the South Amboy shore of the Raritan, for nearly a month. T. J. Clark, the new commissioner, took his seat.

A resolution was offered that the Perth Amboy Trust Company and the Savings institution be made the depositories for the water department funds. A question was raised as to its legality, and the matter was referred to the city attorney for a written opinion. When a report is received in the matter, a special meeting will probably be called by the president.

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